February 9, 2021

The Honorable Anne Carney, Senate Chair
The Honorable Thomas Harnett, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Harnett:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Judge Richard W. Mulhern to the Maine Superior Court.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate trial court judges in the sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to determine the Association’s support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nomination to the Governor and the Judiciary Committee. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

Judge Mulhern was rated good or excellent by over 98 percent of the Maine Bar respondents. The results of his evaluation show that Maine lawyers find him to be intelligent, compassionate, fair and even-handed. He is also described as competent, well-prepared and articulate. Judge Mulhern is commended for his knowledge of the law, and all those that come before him appreciate his balanced approach and experience in the courtroom. Many attorneys value his ability to run a civil and controlled courtroom. These traits have earned Judge Mulhern the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the bench and his move to the Maine Superior Court.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Richard W. Mulhern to the Maine Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Kelly McDonald
President
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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Harnett:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Judge Rick E. Lawrence to the Maine District Court.

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In Judge Lawrence’s evaluations, attorneys describe him as one of the best judges on Maine’s District Court bench. He is also described as highly intelligent, deeply experienced, and very conscientious in protecting the rights of those who come before him. Judge Lawrence is commended for his knowledge of the law, understanding of human dynamics, and their intersection in the courtroom. Attorneys state that no matter his ruling, they know that all parties were heard and his decisions are well-reasoned. These traits have earned Judge Lawrence the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Maine District Court.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Rick E. Lawrence to the Maine District Court.

Sincerely,

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